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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**:

1. (Original) A water-absorbent resin composition having the absorption capacity at 60 minutes toward 0.90 mass% sodium chloride aqueous solution under the pressure of 1.9 kPa not less than 20 g/g, comprising:

absorbent resin obtainable by polymerizing an unsaturated monomer having an acid group and/or a salt thereof; and

complex oxide hydrate containing zinc and silicon, or zinc and aluminum, wherein the complex oxide hydrate contains zinc as main metal component, and the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 50/50 - 99/1.

- 2. (Original) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the complex oxide hydrate is obtained by co-precipitation method in a solution containing a water-soluble zinc compound and a water-soluble silicon compound or in a solution containing a water-soluble zinc compound and a water-soluble aluminum compound.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 1[[ or claim 2]], wherein the separation ratio of the complex oxide hydrate from the water-absorbent resin in a swollen state is not more than 20%.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A water-absorbent resin composition according to any one of elaim 1-3 claim 1, wherein the water-absorbent resin composition is in a granular state and contains particles exceeding 150  $\mu$ m and not exceeding 850  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 90 mass% of all the particles and particles exceeding 300  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 60 mass% of all the particles.

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5. (Currently Amended) A water-absorbent resin composition according to any one of claim 1 4 claim 1, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

- 6. (Currently Amended) A water-absorbent resin composition according to any one of elaim 1 5 claim 1, further comprising a plant component.
  - 7. (Currently Amended) An absorbent material for sanitary product comprising: the water-absorbent resin composition of any one of claim 1 6; claim 1 and hydrophilic fibers.
- 8. (Original) An absorbent material for sanitary product comprising: water-absorbent resin obtainable by polymerizing an unsaturated monomer containing an acid group and/or a salt thereof,

hydrophilic fiber; and

complex oxide hydrate containing zinc and silicon, or zinc and aluminum, wherein the complex oxide hydrate contains zinc as main metal component,

the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 50/50 - 99/1, and

the water-absorbent resin has the absorption capacity at 60 minutes toward 0.90 mass% sodium chloride aqueous solution under the pressure of 1.9 kPa not less than 20 g/g[[,]].

9. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product comprising: the absorbent material of claim 7 [[or 8]], topsheet possessing permeability to liquid; and backsheet possessing impermeability to liquid.

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10. (Original) A method for producing water-absorbent resin composition comprising the steps of:

obtaining a water-absorbent resin having not less than 20 g/g of absorption capacity at 60 minutes toward 0.90 mass% sodium chloride aqueous solution under the pressure of 1.9kPa through a step of polymerizing an unsaturated monomer containing an acid group; and

mixing the water-absorbent resin and complex oxide hydrate containing zinc and silicon, or zinc and aluminum.

- 11. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 2, wherein the separation ratio of the complex oxide hydrate from the water-absorbent resin in a swollen state is not more than 20%.
- 12. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 2, wherein the water-absorbent resin composition is in a granular state and contains particles exceeding 150  $\mu$ m and not exceeding 850  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 90 mass% of all the particles and particles exceeding 300  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 60 mass% of all the particles.
- 13. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the water-absorbent resin composition is in a granular state and contains particles exceeding 150  $\mu$ m and not exceeding 850  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 90 mass% of all the particles and particles exceeding 300  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 60 mass% of all the particles.
- 14. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 11, wherein the water-absorbent resin composition is in a granular state and contains particles exceeding 150  $\mu$ m and not exceeding 850  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 90 mass% of all the

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particles and particles exceeding 300  $\mu$ m in diameter in a proportion of not less than 60 mass% of all the particles.

15. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 2, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

16. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

17. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

18. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 11, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

19. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

20. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 13, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

21. (New) A water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the mass ratio of the content of zinc and the content of silicon or aluminum is in the range of 60/40 - 99/1.

22. (New) An absorbent product comprising: the absorbent material of claim 8, topsheet possessing permeability to liquid; and backsheet possessing impermeability to liquid.